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SUBJECT: GREEK ELIGIBILITY FOR USGSP

GENEVA FOR USDEL MTN

REF: A. STATE 45836. B. 75 STATE 255955. C. ATHENS 1186

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE YESTERDAY CALLED ON SKOUROLIAKOS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, OFREIGN OFFICE TO ACQUAINT HIM WITH SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL (A).

2. FOLLOWING BRIEFINGN SKOUROLIAKOS ONCE AGAIN REQUESTED TALKS IN GENEVA. HE NOTED THAT THREE-MAN INTERNIMISTERIAL GROUP FROM GREECE WILL BE IN GENEVA FOR MTN TALKS STARTING MARCH 23, AND GOG WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY AT THAT TIME TO TALK TO U.S. EXPERT GROUP OF ANY SIZE ON GSP POSSIBILITIES.

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3. PURPOSE OF TALKS WOULD BE TO EXPLORE U.S. CLAIM OF "SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT." WHEN COMATT REFEREED TO CLARIFICATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A), SKOUROLIAKOS STATED THAT GOG PREPARED TO ACCEPT U.S. ASSESSMENT OF "SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT" BUT SEEKS FACTUAL DISCUSSION. HE CLAIMED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN THE CASE OF AT LEAST ONE ITEM LISTED IN REFTEL (B), THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO HISTORY OF GREEK IMPORTS FROM U.S. WHEN COMATT INQUIRED AS TO WHICH ITEM THIS MIGHT BE, SKOUROLIAKOS STATED HE WAS UNPREPARED TO ANSWER, SINCE THAT THIS HAD BEEN DETERMINED IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. SKOUROLIAKOS ADDED THAT FAILURE OF GREECE TO ACHIEVE USGSP COULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS ON GREEK EXPORTS TO U.S. BUT THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO EXPLORE THIS ARGUMENT AT THIS TIME.

4. COMATT PROMISED TO INFORM DEPT OF GOG POSITION. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY IF DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA DURING PERIOD FOLLOWING MARCH 23 FEASIBLE.
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